



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 5, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders
Honorable Council President Tony Young and Members of the City Council

FROM: Floyd Willis, Interim Chairperson, Senior Affairs Advisory Board

SUBJECT: 2011 Annual Report of the Senior Affairs Advisory Board

Background & Introduction

The Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB) was established by the City of San Diego by amendment to the municipal code in the year 2000. As a part of the Duties and Functions in paragraph 26.1503 (b) the SAAB shall report annually to the Mayor and Council on the "State of the Seniors" within The City of San Diego. Inasmuch as this activity would amount to an expressed declaration on the quality of life for older people living in San Diego, in times past this Annual Report has been subject-focused and topical in nature, and this year it takes the form of record of activities covering the calendar years 2010 and 2011.

Mid-year 2011, by way of resignation, the SAAB lost its mayoral appointed chair. As a bridge between mayoral appointments, the SAAB elected an interim chair at the November 2011 meeting for purposes of procedural order and to facilitate communication between city staff and its members. While the SAAB awaits the new chair, the membership felt that, at a minimum, we should take the action of creating an annual record at this time. This is done in hopes of setting a precedent for subsequent Annual Reports to be timed in such a way as to precede and to thereby inform the process of the mayoral State of the City, which this year is scheduled for January 9, 2012.

Current Membership

The above referenced code creates a board of eleven members. Currently we have eight members and four vacancies. [See attached roster for member names and contact information]

Meeting Dates & Locations

SAAB meets at eleven o'clock on the first Wednesday of every month. These meetings are typically at City Hall on the twelfth floor, next to the Council Chambers. The board has also debated the value of the meeting off-site at locations in direct relationship to city services for seniors, namely at senior and community centers in specific neighborhoods. Meeting off-site provides an information gathering and listening mechanism; however, the subjects of concern voiced by participants may be with topics removed from city control. Meeting off-site provides insight regarding senior focal points and city assets; yet, the audience in relation to the entire older population of San Diego cannot be described as representative.

An advanced calendar of intended site location is created by SAAB and city staff attempts to facilitate the field visit by establishing the appointment with the calendar of the host facility. This process began in 2010, but communication with and logistical circumstances at community locations limited the number of occasions by which to execute this pursuit. We expect to resume this activity mid-January 2012.

- January 6, 2010 – City Hall
- February 3, 2010 – City Hall
- March 3, 2010 – City Hall (speaker)
- April 7, 2010 – City Hall
- May 5, 2010 -- *cancelled*
- June 2, 2010 – City Hall
- July 7, 2010 – City Hall (speaker)
- August 4, 2010 – City Hall
- September 1, 2010 – City Hall
- October 6, 2010 -- **Bayside Community Center**
- November 3, 2010 – City Hall
- December 8, 2010 -- **College Area Older Adult Center**
- January 5, 2011 -- *cancelled*
- February 2, 2011 -- **George Stevens Senior Center**
- March 2, 2011 – City Hall
- April 6, 2011 -- *cancelled*
- May 4, 2011 – City Hall
- June 1, 2011 – City Hall
- July 6, 2011 -- *cancelled*
- August 3, 2011 – City Hall
- September 7, 2011 -- *cancelled*
- October 5, 2011 -- **Live Well Senior Center**
- November 2, 2011 – City Hall
- December 7, 2011 – City Hall

Other Boards/Commissions & Their Representatives

One interest over the last few years has been to learn of the functional aspect of other boards and commissions serving the City of San Diego and to therefore explore models of operation and interaction within the City.

It has been a discussion point at our meetings to discover ways in which the SAAB can best inform the mayor, influence the City Council, and participate with City Departments in bringing the issues of aging to bear upon decisions made at these various levels. In this quest, beginning in late 2009, we began the process of inviting the chairs of other such bodies within the city to meet with us to discuss with us the issues that they undertake and the protocols that they follow and the pertinent departments with which they interface. Below is a list of their representatives that have visited the SAAB to date:

- Community Forest Advisory Board, City of San Diego (10/07/09); Vicki Estrada
- Park & Recreation Board, City of San Diego (12/02/09); Wilbur Smith
- Supervising Preparedness Officer, City of San Diego (03/03/10); John Valencia
- Planning Commission, City of San Diego (07/07/10); Eric Nasland
- Director, City Planning & Community Investment Dept., City of San Diego (08/04/10); Bill Anderson
- Board & Commissions and Protocol Office, Mayor Jerry Sanders (08/03/11); Denice Garcia, Director

Outside Guest Speakers

We had one outside visitor, whose presence was coordinated with the presentation from the city department named above on the topic of emergency readiness, correlating to the same date.

- American Red Cross (03/03/10); Joe Carver, CEO

Major Actions

At the SAAB meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, the major action taken was the call for a Review and Revision of the San Diego Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Article 6, Division 15: Senior Affairs Advisory Board, embodied in a letter to the City Council President and copied to the City Council Members and the Mayor on November 21, 2011. The request calls upon the city to reexamine the chartered wording of its code and functional expectations of the SAAB within City government.

In acknowledgement of this communiqué, Lea Fields-Bernard, Council Committee Consultant, Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Relations promptly initiated contact with the interim chair who then encouraged her to meet the SAAB membership where she was greeted briefly at the next regularly held meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. The discussion of the request that has been made by the SAAB, asking the city to review the pertinent municipal code, resumed at the regularly scheduled meeting held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Ms. Fields-Bernard, having been invited by the chair and incorporated to the agenda, was a participating guest which enabled further discussion with the membership on the aspirations expressed in the letter.

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Adoption

This annual statement, reflecting upon some of 2009, and covering most of 2010 and 2011, was drafted by the interim chair and submitted to the SAAB for review and adoption at its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2012.



Floyd Willis

Interim Chairperson

Senior Affairs Advisory Board

Attachment: Senior Affairs Advisory Board Members

Senior Affairs Advisory Board Contact list

Categorical "Seat"	Candidate	Organization	Phone	E-Mail	Term
Senior Service Delivery Professional	Burton Disner	North Coast Home Health Products	(760)431-8543	nothcoasthomehealthproducts@yahoo.com	May 31, 2012
Senior Service Delivery Professional Senior Service Delivery Professional	VACANT Floyd Willis Interim Chairperson 11-02-2011	Aging & Independence Services	(858)495-5251	floyd.willis@sdcounty.ca.gov	May 31, 2012
Senior Service Delivery Professional	Cheryl Wilson	St. Paul's Senior Homes & Services	(619)239-6900	cheryl-lucinda@stpaulseniors.org	May 31, 2012
Senior Service Delivery Professional	Constance Curran	Senior STEPS Program Bayside Community Center	(858)278-0771	ccurran2@san.rr.com	May 31, 2013
Senior Service Delivery Professional	Raymond Schwartz RESIGNED 10-29-2010		(858)273-1617	uelan61@gmail.com	May 31, 2011
Senior Service Delivery Professional	Craig Lambert RESIGNED 06-10-2011	Jewish Family Services	(858)457-7791	eraigl@jfssd.org	May 31, 2012
At-Large Senior over 60	Ruth Cardenas	Retired Senior	(619)501-2254	ruth@smartflexsolutions.com	May 31, 2012
At-Large Senior over 60	Erskine Garrette	Retired Senior/Volunteer for AARP	(619)265-1210	garrette@att.net	May 31, 2012
At-Large Senior over 60	Eric Kosower		(619)584-4933	ekosower@cox.net	May 31, 2013
At-Large Senior over 60	Kathryn Warburton	Retired Senior/Worked with County's CAO and AIS	858-278-9869	kwarbu@aol.com	May 31, 2011

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